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The sweetest time

Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Steve Hill, right, hands a taste of maple syrup to 10-year-old Tristan Guzzo from Vaughan on St. Patrick's Day. Kids of all ages flocked to the museum on March 17 for the start of March Break festivities, which included crafts, games and maple sap boiling. More on page 14. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



Highland Storm success built on teamwork

JENN WATT
Editor

A winning team is built on selflessness. It's what the Storm organization has been focusing on in recent years and success has followed that lead, Highland Storm Peewee head coach Jason Morissette says.

"Hockey is a strange sport. You can get in the habit of one kid or two kids

wanting to do it all. You won't get to all-Ontario [that way]," says Morissette.

This year, the Peewee A team has made it to the all-Ontario finals against Ingersoll. So far, they've won two games and lost two with the championship game on Saturday in Minden.

Getting this far had a lot to do with the players and their attitude, he said. Several of the players changed roles over time and had to learn to play positions they

weren't used to.

"There are expectations on each role. When they get their time out there, they're trying to do the best they can," the coach said.

As far as Morissette knows, this is the farthest a Peewee team (ages 12 and 13) from Haliburton has gotten in recent history.

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Shakespeare coming to Head Lake Park

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

The void left by the cancellation of the popular summer event Dusk Dances this year is giving Dusk Theatre the chance to be launched.

A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed as part of this new offering by the Highlands Little Theatre (HLT) in partnership with the Dysart library branch's Shakespeare Club and the high school.

David McGill of HLT asked Dysart council this past Monday for support for the two-act play with intermission.

"We're really just asking for your support and the opportunities as a council that you have for communication to the public to help us advertise," he said.

Four performances between Aug. 9 to 15 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton have tentatively been scheduled. The specific dates will be confirmed after consultation with the summer schedule to not conflict with other large events or performances.

The suggested stage area will be close to the bandshell, featuring a circular performance area, measuring 20' in diameter and will be defined by coloured ropes, staked to the ground. There will be four quadrants for seating, roped off.

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Casey hired as Pinestone GM

JENN WATT

Editor

Pinestone Resort looked to the community when hiring its new general manager.

Starting Monday, Dennis Casey will be at the helm of the resort and conference centre on County Road 21.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Casey. "I grew up in the resort business, but I also owned and managed my own for 15 years."

Most recently, Casey was a councillor in Dysart et al.

Pinestone Resort is owned by Vrancor Group, based in Hamilton. Its director of operations, Peter Tosh, said

they were excited to have Casey's expertise and his connection to the local community.

"I think his ties to the community are very important for the understanding of the entire community, being councillor of Ward 2, the green energy committee in the past and of course he was the interim general manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce," said Tosh in an interview with the Echo.

Additionally, Casey has a background in business administration and financial management.

"We know that he understands the community, he understands hospitality and he understands numbers," Tosh said.

"I'm super excited to have Dennis on board and I think he is too."



Connecting at Abbey Gardens

Six-year-old Toby Posti unravels yarn while making a craft at Abbey Gardens on March 17 during their week of March Break fun. Children gathered for a day of activities, games and cooking at the food hub, led by Irene Heaven and Heather Reid. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



Seven-year-old Leif Artemis, centre, travels the world as a tomato from Mexico during the great travelling tomato game on March 17 at Abbey Gardens in West Guilford. Led by Irene Heaven, right, the game taught kids about the long journey produce travels from where it is grown to a local grocery store, and the benefits of buying local food from Farmers Markets and grocery stores. About 12 kids gathered at the food initiative for March Break activities including crafts, snowshoe games and more.



Five-year-old Rylie concentrates on her craft skills on March 17 at Abbey Gardens in West Guilford. There was lots of action at the food hub during March Break, including baking bannock, snowshoeing and more.



Haliburton votes for Hockeyville

As we go to press, Haliburtonians and supporters have been feverishly voting to be the next Kraft Hockeyville. Because voting continues past our deadline, we will be bringing you news on how we fare online at haliburtonecho.ca, on Twitter @HaliburtonEcho and Facebook: facebook.com/HaliburtonEcho.

Dragon boating in the county

The Haliburton Highlands Paddlers are starting their second season in the Highlands with an invitation for you to join us at our open house gathering on Sunday, March 29 at 1 p.m. at the Fish Hatchery at 6712 Gelert Rd.

Dragon boating is really a fun activity for everyone, get fit, learn a new sport and meet new people.

This year the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers are offering morning and afternoon sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays, as well as a Sunday early afternoon paddle.

The morning session attracts the early risers. Under the guidance of our trusted coach we warm up our muscles with a fast walk and some targeted stretches. Depending on the number of paddlers, height and strength of those present, paddles are handed out and seats are assigned.

Once we get into the boat, we back away from the dock and then it is "Paddles Up!" and "Take it away!" Most mornings the lake is as smooth as glass and the loons are going about their business of raising their young.

At the beginning of the season we are all learning the new skills for a dragon boat stroke which are different from canoe strokes.

Our coach is gently giving pointers of how to lean out of the boat for the perfect stroke, and how to keep an eye on your fellow paddlers to keep the rhythm. Sometimes we have a drummer keeping stride with the sound of a bucket.

The morning quiet is interrupted with the teaching of commands, the splashes of paddles, and lots of laughter.

The afternoon group is just as dedicated to this fun exercise and there are a lot of new friendships formed while being squeezed into this floating dragon. In our new season we hope to have enough people to fill a boat for attending a dragon boat festival.

On June 20, Port Perry is hosting one of these exciting events. Here is an opportunity for beginners and experienced paddlers to get their butts into a seat and be part of our county team and help the Port Perry Dragon Flies in their fundraising efforts.

We invite you to attend our season opening social. Meet the dragon boat committee and fellow paddlers. Get detailed information about our 2015 season, upcoming festivals, and sign up for the 2015 season while taking advantage of our special early bird rates.

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Internet equality still out of reach

JENN WATT

Editor

Linda and Bob Heeps joke that an online video of a Polar Bear Dip almost caused an irreparable rift in their relationship.

Linda, an active member of the Haliburton Lions Club, recorded the charity event at this year's Frost Fest and thought she should share it with the world.

"We had Frost Fest and we're trying to really promote that for the community and it's starting to really catch on with the Polar Bear Dip," Bob explains. "So, she made a video of it as an advertisement and she put it on YouTube. \$48. Our [Internet] usage this month was \$200."

The Heeps use a hub to receive Internet using the cellular signal.

While they live only six kilometres from Haliburton Village, there is no broadband service and Xplornet satellite won't work either, due to the hilly terrain of Harburn Road.

Their Internet plan through Bell, gives them 15 gigabytes a month of data and charges an additional 1.5 cents per megabyte after that.

The couple averaged \$104 a month in Internet usage last year.

And despite the hefty price tag, there is relatively little the Heeps can do online compared to their neighbours on surrounding lakes who were connected to broadband through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) project.

"I would never even think of Netflix," Linda says, "even though that's the standard nowadays. That's not even in my vocabulary."

Just down the road from the Heeps, Mike and Susan Germa carefully measure out the time they spend online. They also use cellular and have the three gigabyte/month plan.

"Sue and I sit with three gigabytes per month. If I want to download an audio-book from Overdrive at the library, I have to go into our library to do that because that takes 600 megabytes to do that. That's a third, almost, of my monthly [allot-



From back left, Bill Vickery, Bob Heeps, Mike Germa and, in front, Susan Germa, wait for a website to load on the Germas' home computer. Despite the recent \$170-million expansion of high-speed Internet in eastern Ontario, the three families who live less than 10 kilometres out of Haliburton Village don't have access to broadband Internet. Their costs are substantially higher than their neighbours on lakes and in towns. JENN WATT Staff

ment]. This is what EORN calls a choice," Mike says.

EORN completed its \$170-million broadband project last fall. It was funded by governments at all levels, including municipal governments and sought to connect as many as possible to high-speed Internet throughout eastern Ontario.

Ninety-nine per cent of homes and businesses in the area "can access high-speed Internet," according to EORN media materials.

However, high-speed Internet is not always DSL. EORN also negotiated a special rate for satellite services with Xplornet.

Bill Vickery is one of those connected to Xplornet. He says his monthly bill is \$140 for 130 gigabytes on the business plan.

He wants his prices to be closer to those on DSL and thinks it's unfair that lakes populated mostly by seasonal residents get better coverage than areas with per-

manent residents.

"They've gone to the expense of running everything out there based solely on driveway numbers compared to six kilometres from town. Had I known what I know now, I wouldn't have bought property here," says Vickery, who along with his wife runs three small businesses using their home as a base.

The Heeps and Germas agree.

"We were told it [high-speed access] was coming," Susan says.

In Algonquin Highlands, the issue is much the same, Reeve Carol Moffatt says.

"AH remains the most poorly served municipality and the EORN project did very little for our taxpayers. Geography and demographics are an issue for sure, but the fact remains that for the investment the county made into EORN, AH got very little out of it," Moffatt wrote in an email to the paper.

"While the overall EORN initiative was

a terrific example of multi-partner collaboration and it did, indeed, provide high speed for thousands across eastern Ontario, Haliburton County remains full of high speed holes and this is a tangible roadblock for business development or work-at-the-cottage initiatives," she said.

EORN communications lead Lisa Severson says in the Haliburton area, only one Internet service provider, or ISP, submitted a proposal to serve the region – Bell Aliant.

"The submission by Bell Aliant met the criteria and they were awarded the contract to extend DSL technology in the zone. It is important to note that the ISP must be able to justify in their business case both their capital costs and ongoing operational costs in order to select an area. Thus, if an area has insufficient revenue to sustain the costs and meet the business case requirements an ISP is not likely to build there," she wrote in an email to the *Echo*.

She said the satellite price paid by Vickery and others is lower than prices paid in other parts of the province thanks to a special negotiation session. It also ensures speeds remain high.

"EORN purchased dedicated capacity on the satellites which also assists [eastern Ontario] residents with issues related to congestion," Severson said.

According to EORN, in Haliburton County "11,945 households (55 per cent) are able to receive service of up to 10+ megabytes per second with another 2,764 able to receive five to nine megabytes per second through DSL technology offered by Bell."

County Warden Murray Fearrey said he was sympathetic to those who didn't end up receiving high-speed after the much celebrated project was complete. He said he remains hopeful that new technology will allow expansion down the road.

"All of these projects and all of these things we're doing today is changing all the time," he said.

"I know there are disappointments out there, not just here and there, but sometimes in larger areas that didn't get serviced. Perhaps we'll have to wait until technology changes."

Developing players as athletes and citizens the main goal

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Meanwhile, the Storm has another group of players who also reached great heights this year.

The Bantam A team came in second to Ingersoll in their finals over the weekend.

Coach James Reilly said the team had much to overcome including a goalie with a knee injury and two of their top players out with injuries.

"They've had a great season, a winning season," Reilly said of the players, who are all about 14 years old.

"The main goal for me as the head

coach is to win, of course, but also to develop these boys as hockey players. My main goal is they're all better hockey players than when I met them in August."

It's been rewarding for Reilly to watch the team improve over time and he said not all of the skills the boys learned were solely applicable to hockey.

"Things that they face in the world of hockey they're going to face in the world outside of the arena," he said.

Morissette said that during the season, the boys became a happier group, more confident in their abilities and stronger as a unit. Even if they lost a game, they

weren't picking on or blaming each other.

"There's not a lot of sad faces in the room [when they lose]," he said. "No matter what happens I know at the end of the year they're going to look back and say, 'that was a really great ride.'"

For more from last weekend's games, see pages 22 and 23.

To cheer on the Peewees at their championship game, head to the Minden arena on Saturday, March 28 at 5 p.m.

The Midget girls play in their provincials in April. Watch the Echo for more in the coming weeks.

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Things that they face in the world of hockey they're going to face in the world outside of the arena.

— James Reilly, Bantam coach



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Front Row: John Jarvis, Broker/Owner, Heather Phillips, Haliburton Region Administrator
 Back Row: Ted Vasey, Bill Kulas, Fred Chapple, Terry Carr, Lisa Mercer, Lynda Litwin.



HE delays upgrades to community centre

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 23 meeting of Highlands East council.

Changes planned for the Lloyd Watson Community Centre and Highlands East municipal office are being put on hold at this time.

At their March 23 meeting, councillors learned that the municipality had only received one submission in response to a request for a proposal and that it was recommended they not accept the proposal at this time.

"The submission did not fulfill all of the objectives we were looking for," said Brittany Ellis, executive assistant to the municipality's chief administrative officer. "We were kind of hoping ... they would oversee the entire job."

Councillors thought perhaps more clarification was needed for those interested in submitting a proposal.

Changes slated for the building include heating upgrades, which would also apply to the new food hub to be added onto the building.

Councillor Joan Barton thought more communication was necessary between the municipality and those overseeing the food bank project.

Reeve Dave Burton agreed, adding he was not happy at the way things unfolded.

"It seems like we're doing two things at once and they're not talking to each other," said Barton. "Maybe we need to get that resolved."

Councillors initially thought construction on the project could begin this spring. Costs are estimated to ring in around \$165,000.

HE supports Bancroft FHT

Councillors added their support to a funding application the Bancroft Family Health Team is making with the hope of using the money for a diabetes education clinic.

The support is contingent on the condition that if successful, the Bancroft FHT will host an education session at least once a month at the Wilberforce Medical Centre.

A representative from the FHT attended the March 9 meeting of council, looking to form a partnership with the municipality.

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Midsummer Night's Dream to entertain crowds

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Patrons of the show will be asked to "pay what it's worth."

McGill said this project is not complicated to launch. He adds, the local Dusk Dances committee will contribute some funds to the project with HLT providing the balance of anything required.

One of the HLT's mandates is to encourage and foster youth within theatre.

A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, McGill said, offers opportunities for a variety of dance sequences allowing children to be included. Dusk Dances will help organize local dance groups for the "integrated dance pieces."

McGill has been in contact with Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and hopes to involve the English department and the fine arts departments.

The Shakespeare in the park concept is a common summer production because there aren't any royalties, he said. Besides decisions surrounding staging, he said, costs associated with such a production are usually minimal.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is a comedy written by William Shakespeare that surrounds the marriage between Theseus, Duke of Athens to Hippolyta.

When McGill asked Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey to be included in the cast as the master of the rebels he answered, "I can't, but Derek [Knowles] could. Anyway we'll have to talk about it. I'm not going to commit to that right now."



Community celebrates St. Paddy's Day

It was a sea of green at the Haliburton Legion on March 17 as many enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day themed lunch of Irish stew, coleslaw and a tea biscuit. The event was so popular the kitchen almost ran out of food, according to organizers. From left, Andy Neal, Rosie Dupont and Rick Dupont. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Accessibility fund open for proposals

Local MP Barry Devolin announced the Enabling Accessibility Fund call for proposals for projects is now open.

Organizations are encouraged to apply for funding through the EAF 2015 call for proposals for projects

that will help improve accessibility in community facilities for Canadians with disabilities. The deadline for submitting proposals is Monday, April 27, 2015.

Proposals can involve a wide variety of projects, however priority will

be given to projects that enhance access for children with disabilities (e.g. outdoor playgrounds), veterans with disabilities or seniors with disabilities. Go to <http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/community.shtml> for more.

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The other One-Percenters

SIX KILOMETRES from the intersection of Highland Street and Maple Avenue live some of Haliburton County's One-Percenters.

They don't live in mansions or drive expensive cars; these One-Percenters have a much more modest request.

They'd like high-speed Internet at a reasonable rate.

While 99 per cent of eastern Ontario is now served by either broadband or satellite service thanks to a multi-year \$170-million project run by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), there is a small part of the population who missed out.

And they're not who you would think.

Mike and Susan Germa bought their home in 2007 on Harburn Road. They live only a five-minute drive from Haliburton and at different times during the EORN project, they were told high-speed Internet would come to them.

The project is now over and they pay about \$50 a month for between three and five gigabytes of data using a hub connected to the mobile network. They drive to town to use the library's WiFi connection to download audiobooks because just one of those books a month would take up a large amount of their monthly allotment.

Their neighbours, Linda and Bob Heeps, use much more data on their hub and pay the price. Their bills hover around \$100 a month and they get just over 15 gigabytes.

Down the road, Bill Vickery is able to access satellite Internet because his house has a better vantage point, so he pays \$140 a month and gets 130 gigabytes.

For comparison's sake, those on



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broadband can expect to pay about \$50 for 140 gigabytes.

When Linda Heeps talks about her Internet connection she does it in reference to Netflix and Skype. Unless something changes, she and Bob can never expect to be able to stream television programs on their TV or video chat with their grandchildren on the computer – things most of us have come to expect as parts of our lives and our culture.

This isn't the fault of any particular organization. If EORN failed in anything along the way, it was in managing expectations. Most assumed, understandably, that if they lived close to a village they would eventually get broadband Internet.

Thing is, if there aren't enough people down a particular road, there's not enough potential revenue to justify running the expensive cables to those homes.

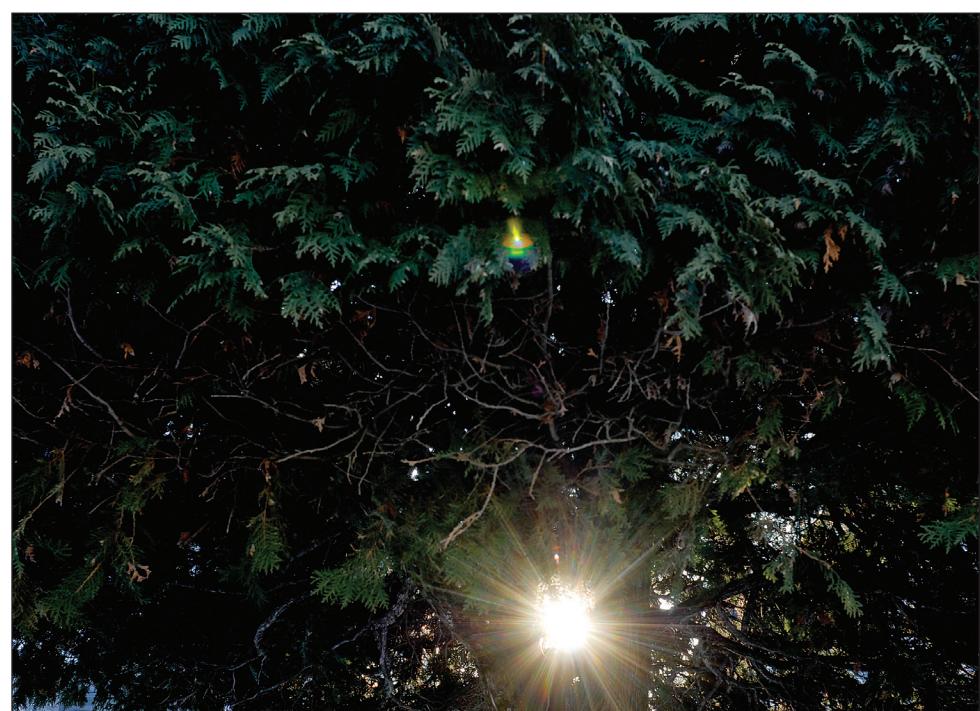
Until more people move to Harburn Road and other low-population areas of the county, it's unlikely communications companies will install any new cables.

That doesn't mean the Internet has to remain unaffordable.

Just as EORN negotiated a special rate for Xplornet, the same group can continue to push for better, cheaper mobile network access for those who must rely on that technology.

It is unfair that some of us pay so much more than others when the Internet has become such an integral part of life.

Lowering prices for those who can't connect to broadband like everyone else, whether that be through subsidies or negotiated price reductions, should be a priority for all levels of government in Haliburton County.



by Darren Lum

Empowerment

BARB ROSEN

Special to the Echo

At the February open stage, always the third Saturday of the month at the Haliburton Museum, I got up and performed a piece entitled *Yoga on and off the Mat*. Yoga is one way of empowerment for me. I was nervous when I presented the piece but knew I needed to get past the fear of getting up and putting myself "out there."

Last weekend, I got up again at open stage, and presented one of my cottage memoirs *The Compulsion of the Red Umbrella*. "You didn't look nervous at all Barb," said the woman sitting next to me that I chatted with before the reading. "Thanks. I felt pretty good." I was quite surprised at how calm and happy I felt. I felt empowered like Steve, who was the MC at the open stage for the first time.

Both Steve and I felt supported and

were able to receive the positive vibes from everyone in the room. I have also felt supported by the writers' circle I belong to, Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle. I sent some of my memoirs to *The Echo* and received positive vibes from the editor who published them.

Empowerment comes from taking a chance on doing something we feel afraid to do and then doing whatever it takes to get beyond fear. Receiving the support from a group like open stage and Algonquin Writers' Circle makes it easier for us to keep doing something we really love.

The next writers' circle is at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, April 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. followed by coffee and tea. Admission is free.

Rosen will be facilitating another *Yoga, Meditation and Writing at Blue Sky Yoga Studio* in Haliburton on April 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Admission by donation.

Worry less, enjoy more

GERALD IRISH

A Senior's Moment

The other day I was trekking along the Head Lake Trail when I realized I was talking to myself. This is not uncommon. Usually, if I am overheard, I have the dogs with me and I hope that other people will assume I am training the pets.

Is talking to oneself indicative of some mental failing or is it just part of the natural progression of things? In my infinite wisdom, I admit, of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need advice that I can take. It is sometimes much easier to take advice from myself than from others even if it is wrong.

Another problem I do not have is admitting my ignorance about many, many items. I try, like so many of you, to pretend that I know much about a great deal. But I am not so arrogant as to think I have all

the answers. My brain is like the Bermuda Triangle. Information goes in and then is never found again.

Is talking to oneself a major problem? I do not really think so. Talking to oneself is not a warning that we are losing it. It is just a reminder that we are still capable of thinking. So, relax! Enjoy your life! Don't sweat the small stuff! Life has a Best By or expiration date. You and I don't have time to worry about such inane items as talking to yourself.

So, Haliburton's seniors, in your old age consider this important item. Is old age why it takes longer to rest than to get tired? Now there's an important item for you to worry about. That is one vital item, isn't it?

Sometimes we spend too much time worrying about the silliest damned things. Stop it! Problems we can't solve are sometimes not real problems and will disappear. Take my word for it.

points of view

'Tis the season

RIght now, a lot of outdoors people will tell you that we are entering the turkey or trout season – and that's true. But we are also entering a season that few outdoorsmen openly speak about. I'm talking about the new ice fishing rod season.

If you were to look around any ice angler's basement, garage or secret closet right about now, you'd probably see several new ice fishing rods and reels. Some with the price tags still on them. This is normal.

The reason is simple. They are on sale right now in most stores.

That's because most shop keepers recognize that the sale of ice fishing rods drops in direct correlation to our proximity to spring's open water. By summer, virtually no one buys them – which is a shame too, because fish look huge in comparison.

In any case, because of this, stores try to dump them on the first unsuspecting schmuck who walks by.

I got a great deal on one yesterday, by the way.

I couldn't help it. Only an angler with a heart of stone could walk by a lonely ice fishing rod and not feel obliged to provide it with a loving home.

Besides, a new rod provides an angler with faint hope that next ice season will be better than the last.

By the way, I don't care how great last ice season was, an angler is always looking to improve upon it.

The good news is ice fishing rods are very easy to hide. Some are so small you could probably stick them up a nostril in a pinch. True, the large rod guides might make this a little uncomfortable. Having said that, it's still far less uncomfortable than trying to explain why you bought yet another rod.

The problem is, if you are not careful, things can rapidly get out of hand. A quick survey of my basement man cave area shows that I've got at

least eight ice fishing rods in plain sight and, those are just the ones I have rigged up. There are probably four or five more that are stashed away somewhere.

I'm not saying having a lot of ice fishing rods is wrong. I'm just saying it's something you'd be wise to keep quiet about – especially since everyone is on about global warming these days.

That's a problem too.

You see there once was a time when I could easily defend the number of ice fishing rods, reels and lures I had by suggesting that the next ice age was coming and we'd probably need them for survival. These days saying that will make you look more than a bit silly.

Come summertime, they have no use at all. Heck, you are just as likely to have them confiscated and used as a stake for plants around the house.

Because of this I strongly believe the very best thing to do is just sneak them in the house. I prefer inside my pant leg – which, by the way is not something you can do with most open water rods. Trust me. Again, the cork handle can cause issues.

Once in the house, my experience is that it is best to hide your ice fishing rods in several locations in case one stash gets found. For us 50-somethings, however, this can be problematic. After all, our memories are not what they used to be. That's why I take notes of where I hide them and scatter those notes around the house too. Eventually, I'll find either a rod or a note.

Even so, if you are like me and most of my middle-aged fishing buddies, next winter you'll be scurrying around like a chipmunk with memory loss. You'll be digging through all sorts of unlikely places until you find one of those ice fishing treasures you buried last spring. Sometimes, you'll stumble upon one accidentally. Heck, just yesterday, I found a rod I bought last spring. It was propping up an amaryllis.

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Loon Tales

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pic of the past

Benjamin James Sawyer (standing) and his brother-in-law Will Liscombe taken about 1895. Ben (1873-1960), who was known as "Long Ben" Sawyer, could not read or write but was an intelligent generous man, and was the elected reeve of Stanhope Township from 1911 to 1930, 1936 to 1938, and 1948 to 1950, and he enjoyed three terms as county warden. Ben was responsible for bringing the first telephone system to Haliburton County, with the initial conversation heard over the line between Clair Sisson's house and Rogers Store in 1921. Long Ben built and operated Maple Lake Lodge, which he opened during the Great Depression. A rebel at heart, he followed a family tradition of trapping in Algonquin Park eventually being cornered and arrested by the Park Rangers. Nila Reynolds wrote a tribute to Long Ben after his death:

"The beaver ponds will know him no more,
The lakes are hushed and still.
Only the wind for a requiem
Echoes down the hill.
His guns and traps are gathering
rust,
Time, his paddle mars,
For Long Ben has crossed the
last portage
Where his deeds are writ in the
stars."

Submitted by Bob Chambers



A sign of spring

Mike Grinnell sent this photo of a cold – perhaps defiant – robin getting in the spring spirit at his Loon Lake home March 22. The outside temperature was -14°C.

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Let's keep fishing alive in Haliburton County

To the Editor,

I read with interest and some nostalgia the article from the March 7, 1995 edition of *The Echo* which talks of closing 43 lake trout lakes to winter fishing and restricting fishing on 42 others. Twenty years ago, the outdoors association used the MNR's own science and research to prove these new regulations were misguided.

We as an outdoors association decided that we wanted to do our part and help determine the destiny of fishing in Haliburton County.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association approached the Hon. Chris Hodgson Minister of Natural Resources with the idea of gathering lake trout eggs locally; raising and stocking yearlings back into our local lake, thus keeping the genetics of our local fish intact. Chris put his support behind us and sped up the process of hiring an extension biologist to work with ours and other organizations. David Flowers was hired to fill that position. Without Chris's support and David's mentoring we would not have gotten to first base.

The new rules of 1995 came from studies of lakes five times larger than our local lakes. The slot sizes were not appropriate for our lakes, simply because local trout don't grow as big in smaller lakes. Another part of the decision making process was the amount of summer and winter fishing pressure. Again using MNR information the only lakes that should fall within the new guidelines were lakes along the Hwy. 35 corridor. Based on

this the lakes not in this highway corridor were excluded from the new rules.

Winter closures to sport fishing on smaller lakes are still in effect. The science shows that winter fishing yields predominantly males, whereas the last two months August and September are females. Only seven per cent of the years catch is in this time frame; however eighty per cent are females. This far exceeds the number of females that would be caught through the winter fishery. Over the past twenty years no changes have been made to the small lake winter closures. Perhaps it is time to re-think these regulations.

I have been a volunteer and supporter of the outdoors association (fish hatchery) since its beginning in the mid-1990s. I have watched how our hatchery with 50 to 60 volunteers has helped to sustain the sport of fishing in our county. There has been a lot of talk about whether stocking of our lakes has contributed to tourism. I don't know that anyone has a good sense of what draws people to vacation in Haliburton, but there are plenty of local folk and cottagers, the essence of our economy, that are out on our lakes with their kids and grandkids trying to catch a fish. There are few communities that are within a three hour drive of a major urban centre that can offer the quality of fishing that we offer. This county is unique in what it can offer and fishing is one of those things that make living here very special.

Many of you may have hooked a rainbow trout or a brook trout. But in Haliburton County you are likely to catch a unique species of lake trout known as the Haliburton

Gold. They don't grow as big as some other types of trout but they are good fighters and a great tasting fish. Because they are small, our lakes can support more fish, even though they may not be trophy fish. The "Gold" reproduces two years sooner than their northern cousins enabling a lake to recover sooner. The name comes from the colour of their eggs. Each year, your local fish hatchery volunteers go on an egg hunt to Halls Lake or Redstone Lake to collect eggs from pregnant females that are ready to spawn. The females are returned to the lake after we have collected the eggs. The eggs are then fertilized and taken to the hatchery where in three months they hatch. These baby fish are treated with tender loving care with the proper feed, water temperature and cleaning to ensure that there is minimal opportunity for contamination. We adjust the size and quantity of feed as they grow. In 18 months

they are about three to four inches and are ready to be returned to the lakes. The Haliburton hatchery has stocked more than a half million fish since the program began in the late 1990s. In addition to the various species of lake trout, the hatchery has stocked our local lakes with brook trout, rainbow trout and pickerel (walleye).

Although it has been tougher to operate the hatchery with the cutbacks in government funding, our community has been generous with its donations and support of our fund raising events. With the continued support of our volunteers and the community, we hope to keep sport fishing alive and well in Haliburton County for ourselves and for future generations

Larry Hewitt

Past president and volunteer at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Kicking the tobacco habit

To the Editor,

We live in a very legalistic era, so much so that people spend time sorting out what they can do and what they can't do, leaving very little time to do what they should do. Lately much time has been devoted on should marijuana be legalized or not? I am not a supporter of marijuana, nor am I a supporter of the use of tobacco.

Speaking from experience, in my mid 20s I worked in the tobacco fields in Delhi. I not only worked there, but I lived with the family I worked for. This gave me a tremendous advantage as I was able to gain first-hand knowledge of the industry.

Work started early in the morning. The first operation is called suckering. The plants had reached their height so the top was snapped off. Down the stock of tobacco grows what are called suckers. These leaves would not mature into viable leave so were removed by a downward motion of both hands. About every 30 feet, it was necessary to scoop a handful of sand and treat it as a hand wash to remove the sticky tar substance from your hands so you could drop

the leaves on the ground. Our crew handled 30 acres plus another 15 acres on a joint ownership. The actual tobacco cropping started at bottom of the plant removing the sand leaves which were very low in tobacco quality. As the tobacco leaves matured, they were picked accordingly. I won't continue in detail concerning the process of drying and storage.

In my observation, the tobacco plant is a producer of nicotine that is grown for profit but can be a killer. Of note, not one of the longtime workers in our crew smoked.

When you assess the contrast between marijuana and tobacco as to a product injurious to health, how do they rate? How much tax profit-wise is made from every carton of cigarettes that are covered with warnings to the smokers? Was tobacco made legal?

I am not criticizing those that smoke but would do all I can that is possible to have them kick the habit and have better health. It would put less financial burden on our health system.

Ken Sanderson
Wilberforce

This Week In...

Stories from our archives

2005 (Tuesday, March 22)

Forest owners hope new tax rules coming

Forest owners have their fingers firmly crossed these days - at least until March 31. That's the date the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program implementation committee is supposed to reveal new recommendations for managed forest property assessments.

"We've been promised so much over the years that I really don't want to dare to bet. But I'm told it's looking good," says Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum.

The reason for cynicism is well founded. MFTIP, established in 1998, was originally conceived to encourage responsible stewardship of private land. Program participants were given a 75 per cent reduction in property taxes in exchange for adhering to an approved managed forest plan.

The financial benefits for partaking in the program were crippled in 2003 when, without warning, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation altered the land assessment criteria. Whereas it had been based on a farmland rate, a relatively low assessment rate that kept taxes manageable, it was now judged on a sales comparison approach which inflated land value for its high-end use (i.e. housing developments). The new formula made taxes skyrocket.

MPAC, whose primary clients are municipalities desperate to cling on to their tax base, has also been in the hot seat over similar land assessment issues with horse farmers and maple syrup producers. Reports had assessments for sugar bushes rise by more than 1,000 per cent in some cases.

How to resolve the tension between cash-strapped municipalities and environmental stewardship will be an answer the MFTIP implementation committee has to answer.

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Wildlife in your backyard



Wendy Hampson sent in this photo of a raccoon figuring out how to get past the Squirrel Buster bird feeder.



"Raccoons are out," writes Janice Hardy. This guy paid her a visit at her home last week.



Be glad you're not in Halifax

Avid online subscriber to the *Haliburton Echo*, Matt Jones says be thankful you are in Haliburton for the beginning of spring and not Halifax. Pictured is his son Maddox.

HCDC program benefits self-employed

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

If you're a dreamer or an entrepreneur, the Haliburton County Development Corporation is looking for you.

Budding business people who have an idea they need help launching may get the assistance they are seeking through the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit Program, offered through HCDC.

Designed to help individuals start a new business, the OSEB program runs 42 weeks and is targeted to those who are unemployed or underemployed.

In order to qualify, individuals must be on employment insurance, or have recently been collecting unemployment or on pregnancy or parental leave, said program co-ordinator Lauren Forbes.

"There's other qualifications in terms of the business idea," she said. "So they would be maintaining that EI claim for that period. So they're getting their EI cheque and starting their business at the same time."

Run in conjunction with the local employment centre, the program offers coaching throughout the 42 weeks, mentoring, help with a business plan and more.

All types of ideas are accepted, aside from illegal activities and commission based businesses, said Forbes.

"It has to be a new business for them," said Forbes. "It can also be two people who want to be in business together and maybe one person qualifies and the other one doesn't. It doesn't have to be a sole proprietorship."

Since the program started about 25 years ago, approximately 400 individuals have gone through OSEB, said HCDC executive director Andy Campbell.

The ideas that have come through the doors in the past quarter of a century have been both varied and inspiring, said Campbell.

Apart from the OSEB program, HCDC offers other supports to start-ups, such as the Haliburton Creative Business Incubator and its loan program, said Campbell.

The executive director believes the OSEB program is appealing because of how accessible and easy it is to navigate through, compared to other programs.

"And why is that? Because you have hands on people to help access the program," he said.

"It's tough to get into business for yourself and sometimes people have so many questions they don't do it, because they're overwhelmed with all the things they think they need to do," said Forbes. "Or maybe they don't know some of the answers to some of the questions. There's a team here ... they have access to business people who have been there, done that."

There are many shining examples of local business owners who have gone through the program and are now successfully self-employed, said Campbell.

"We do invite past OSEB participants to come and talk to applicants at the information sessions," said Forbes.

HCDC will be hosting an information session on the program this Wednesday, March 25, at 9:30 a.m. at their office, located at 235 Highland St.

For more information, call 705-457-3555 or email Forbes at lforbes@haliburtoncdc.ca.

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The second \$500 early bird winner of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Cash for Care lottery was Angelica Blenich, left, whose lucky ballot was picked from the drum by Bank of Montreal branch manager Richard Wannan on March 17 at the Haliburton hospital. To date almost 70 per cent of the 4,000 tickets up for grabs have been purchased. The next early bird draw is scheduled for April 30, with \$1,000 in prize money for the winner. The final four draws for \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000 and \$15,000 are set to take place on May 22. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100 and can be purchased by calling 705-457-1580 or 705-268-1580.



Cashing in at Cash for Care

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

At first I thought it was a joke. The odds were just too great, it was just too unfathomable.

Or maybe it was all a cruel prank.

As a reporter who covers many events and stories that come out of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, I have been an ongoing supporter of the Foundation's Cash for Care lottery fundraiser since its inception two years ago.

And since Cash for Care began I have been making the ongoing joke every time I head out to cover the lottery draws that I'm going out to snap a picture of myself for the newspaper.

Last week was no different and on Tuesday, March 17 I headed to the Haliburton hospital to report on the second early bird draw for \$500.

Upon arrival I saw the drum ready to go and before long HHHSF board member David Zilstra and BMO branch manager and HHHSF volunteer ticket seller Richard Wannan were rotating the drum 10 times (as per

OLG rules).

With camera in hand, I was ready to take the picture of the winning ballot.

Wannan slipped his hand into the big drum of ballots with a grin on his face and out it came, the next winner of Cash for Care.

Then there was silence, that grin quickly replaced with shock. Wannan's face was priceless.

Moments ticked by, with no words or names being uttered from the volunteer's mouth.

I continued to wait, notepad in hand.

Then Wannan's gaze shifted to mine and I began to laugh.

"Did you pick mine?" I asked, oozing with sarcasm. Wannan still didn't speak.

"He must have picked his own [ticket]," joked HHHSF executive director Dale Walker.

With ballot in hand Wannan turned over the ticket so the name was facing everyone and it was then my turn to be shocked.

There it was, written in familiar penmanship: Angelica Blenich.

I couldn't believe it.

Out of nowhere hands began pumping in the air, and they were mine.

Before I could stop myself I was jumping up and down.

Laughter filled the room as my pure joy took over and disbelief continued to sweep through me.

"I won. I won. I won Cash for Care," I could hear myself saying.

Cameras appeared (this time without me behind the lens) and soon I found myself posing for pictures with Wannan and then with the cheque.

Yes, the cheque was given to me right then and there.

I realize it was not an OLG cheque and there weren't six zeros behind the number five, but that didn't take away from my excitement.

Walker informed me this was the first time the winner had been on site for the draw.

I don't think my reaction disappointed her or any of the others gathered around.

I began calling friends and family who, like me, were also pleasantly shocked.

I watched as my ballot went back into the drum, as all winning ballots do to get another chance at prize money.

I left the hospital on a cloud of bliss and disbelief and prepared myself to share my story with the community.

It was in that moment I felt it important to let people know that if I could win Cash for Care, then so could they.

If wasn't the luck of the Irish on my side (I have absolutely no Irish roots in my family) or the fact I was wearing a green sweater that resulted in my ticket being chosen.

It was the plain and simple fact that I had purchased a ticket.

You can't win if you don't try.

The next early bird draw is for \$1,000, scheduled for April 30. The final draws for \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000 and \$15,000 will take place on May 22.

There are a total of 4,000 tickets up for grabs, with about 70 per cent of tickets already sold.

Funds raised from the lottery are going towards the Making Moments Matter campaign, supporting the new palliative care wing at the hospital, set to break ground this spring.

To purchase a ticket, visit either of the two hospital sites or call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580.



Bank of Montreal branch manager Richard Wannan, left, and Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board member David Zilstra toss up the Cash for Care drum of ballots on March 17 for the early bird draw of \$500.

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Palliative centre one step closer

The ministry of health has given Haliburton Highlands Health Services approval to move to the final stage of the planning process for the new palliative centre at the Haliburton hospital.

On Friday, HHHS announced the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care gave the OK for the development of architectural drawings and tender documents to be made.

"While we have been waiting for the official letter, we have been working with our architects and engineering consultants on those detailed drawings," HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said in a press release.

"As a result, we anticipate the final planning documents to be submitted to the ministry in early April."

Once those documents are sent in, there is another approval needed to start construction of the palliative centre.

"This is wonderful news because we are now in the home stretch of planning to make the Palliative Centre a reality," said John Kay, chairman of HHHS.

The project will expand the current offerings to two palliative suites with an adjacent dining/living room and a washroom for family and friends, Kay said.

HHHS Foundation campaign co-chairman Don Popple said the announcement was welcome news to the fundraising organization, which has been hard at work bringing in the money to build the addition.

When will the ice melt?

Don't forget: it's time to place your bets for when the last chunk of ice will melt off of Head Lake in Haliburton.

The winner (closest in date and time) gets a one-year subscription to *The Haliburton County Echo*!

Send your prediction to jenn@haliburtonpress.com or drop it off at 146 Highland Street in Haliburton. You can also tweet with the hashtag #HeadLakeIceOut.

Deadline is Thursday, March 26.



SIRCH's bereavement group participants Bea Hellewell, left, and Sue Maxwell support one another through the journey of grief. /PHOTO COURTESY OF SIRCH

The journey through grief doesn't have to be lonely

JENN WATT

Editor

"The most difficult thing about grief is you feel alone in your grief," says Marilyn Rydberg, co-ordinator of the bereavement program at SIRCH Community Services.

Following the death of a loved one, people find themselves feeling and behaving differently than they ever have before. It can be isolating and unnerving.

Last year, SIRCH started a bereavement group, training facilitators to run 10-week sessions for those wanting support in the grieving process.

Eighty per cent of those who took Level 1 of the program last year are now taking Level 2. Everyone who took Level 2 has requested Level 3.

"It speaks to how important that support is to people," Rydberg says.

This spring, another session will begin.

"By joining a group like this, they don't feel alone. They feel other people are dealing with similar grief situations," she says.

Dorothy Owens is one of the trained facilitators of the groups. She says participants feel comforted by being around people who understand what it is like to lose someone close to them.

"One of the things people have expressed is some of the feelings they have they wonder if it's normal to feel the way they do and it normalizes the feelings of grief," she says.

Sometimes people feel like they're losing their minds. That's normal, she says.

"We talk about it [death] so little in our society that people don't recognize grief," she says.

The bereavement groups are free to join with the only stipulation that those participating wait at least six months after the death of their loved one to sign up.

Level 1 is about understanding your own grief. Level 2 is about moving forward with grief. Level 3 is a less structured drop-in group allowing participants to reconnect with each other and set their

own goals.

In our society, it is common for people to feel pressure to get moving with their grief, to be through with it quickly, Owens says. Sometimes others are so afraid of upsetting the grieving friend or family member that they avoid mention of the deceased altogether.

Western culture is focused on quick fixes, Rydberg says, which may play into why we want to rush through unpleasant parts of our lives, including grief.

Owens agrees: "If someone is still grieving after two or three years, society doesn't accept that."

"As human beings, we are comfortable with happy. We're not so comfortable with sad," Rydberg says. "I think it's important that we [the facilitators] are the people who are comfortable with sad. We are the people you can be sad with – profoundly sad with – and I'm not going to say, 'it's OK. Don't cry,' because most people will say that."

The groups bond with each other over time, Owens says, often celebrating successes that those who haven't lost someone close would never dream of.

Things like figuring out how to pay the bills or cook a dinner – tasks the late spouse may have done – can feel like triumphs.

"Some days there's far more laughter than there is sadness" in the group, Owens says.

After a year of running the bereavement groups, Rydberg says she's noticed huge changes in the participants.

"Seeing these groups come through the program is a beautiful thing. It's almost like flowers blooming."

The Journey Through Grief runs from Tuesdays from April 14 to June 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Howard Roberts Room in the Dysart library branch. To register, call Marilyn Rydberg at 705-457-1742 extension 30 or email marilyn_rydberg@sirch.on.ca.

(Watch for announcements coming soon about a butterfly release fundraiser in June for the bereavement groups.)

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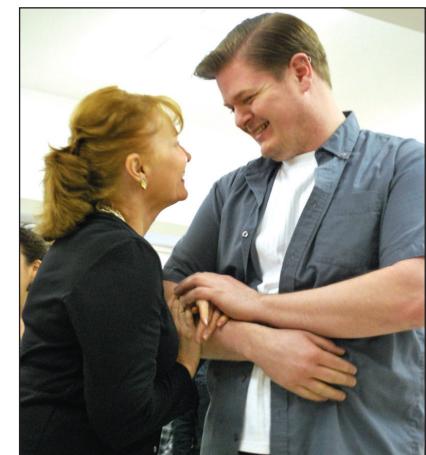
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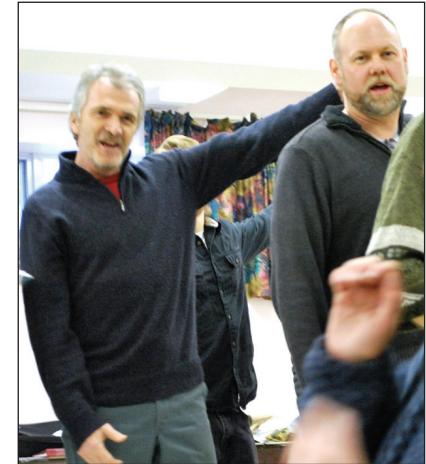
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From left, Shirley Barker, Pat Piché, Hannah Klose, Ruth Carter, Megan Klose, Beth Johns, Mica Titze, Barb Allman, Sally Hunter, Patrick Micuse and Victoria Bingham prepare for *Pirates of Penzance*. The show debuts April 16. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Lead actors Pat Piché and Christopher Chumbley rehearse their roles for the Highlands Little Theatre production.



Andy Salvatori and David Zilstra rehearse their roles as pirates. Salvatori is reprising his role four decades after he originally played a pirate in the high school production.

40 years later, Pirates return to Haliburton stage

JENN WATT

Editor

The first time Andy Salvatori acted in front of an audience was 40 years ago. It was 1975 and he was a Grade 9 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"I can remember walking out on stage," he says, "and the reaction I got from people in the audience."

Salvatori was playing a pirate in *Pirates of Penzance*, a Gilbert and Sullivan musical filled with comedy and romance.

The school's music teacher Bill Gliddon had hand-picked him for the role, and Salvatori had never acted before. "I was scared stiff," Salvatori says, recalling most of the Glee Club was made up of senior students who were much bigger and more experienced than he was.

The students practised all year long, starting in the fall, carefully putting together the scenes and songs until April came along.

At that time, there wasn't much to do in Haliburton in the spring and the annual performance at the high school was a true community event.

Now, 40 years later, Salvatori and Gliddon are returning to the stage and to *Pirates of Penzance*, this time with Highlands Little Theatre and a cast of 30 actors from 12 to 72 years old.

Sitting down for an interview about revisiting the popular play, Gliddon and Salvatori quickly become engrossed in recollections of the past – the original cast list brings back memories of Haliburton four decades ago and stories about where people ended up.

"I'll be reprising my role as a pirate," Salvatori says.

"The No. 1 pirate," Gliddon pipes up. "He is definitely a natural."

Over the years, the specifics of the play had faded in Salvatori's memory and when Gliddon approached him to come back, he needed a bit of a refresher.

"It's got love, it's got romance. It's got murder, it's got twists of fate, it's got comedy," says Salvatori. "I had forgotten the story before I listened to it at rehearsal."

Pirates of Penzance is the story of Frederic, a young man who accidentally becomes an apprentice of a band of pirates until his 21st birthday. Problem is, Frederic was born on Feb. 29 of a leap year, meaning he has another 63 years with the pirates to go. Of course, he also falls in love with a woman named Mabel, the daughter of Major-General Stanley, who agrees to wait for him despite his



The original cast of *Pirates of Penzance* poses in 1975. /Photo submitted by Bill Gliddon

lengthy contract with the pirates.

Christopher Chumbley plays Frederic and Mabel is played alternately by Hannah Klose and Pat Piché. Major-General Stanley is played by David Mills and the Pirate King is played by John Neving.

It was Neving – the president of Highlands Little Theatre – who originally approached Gliddon about becoming the musical director of *Pirates* this time around.

"I wouldn't have been doing this if not for John Neving," Gliddon laughs.

Back in 1975, Gliddon did nearly all of the work behind the scenes on the high school plays, including making the set and driving students home after practice. After performing for Haliburton crowds, the Glee Club would often go on tour, taking their play to East York Collegiate and North Hastings High School. "I remember sitting in an open [flatbed of a] truck holding scenery down as we drove to Bancroft," Gliddon says.

Today, those tasks are shared amongst a group of highly motivated and experienced people.

"It'll be better than what I could ever have done," Gliddon says.

There is one other person who will be reprising her role from 1975.

Marina Maughan will return to be the page turner for Gliddon as he plays the piano accompaniment throughout.

Even if you're not familiar with the play *Pirates of Penzance*, many audience members will be familiar with the songs *Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here* and the Major Gen-

eral Song – both of which have made their way into popular culture.

Pirates is being directed by Curtis Eastmure and choreography is by Julie Barban.

Pirates of Penzance is being performed April 16, 17, 18 and 19 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. (April 16 to 18 at 7:30 p.m.; April 19 at 2 p.m.) Tickets are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Minden Pharmasave or by calling Jim Frost at 705-457-4031. You can email them at highlandslittletheatre@gmail.com or go to Facebook.com/HighlandsLittleTheatre.

The original Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Cast

(according to the original program)

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| Major-General Stanley |Kenneth Stouffer |
| The Pirate King |Richard Stouffer |
| Samuel |Dean Minto |
| Frederic |Walter Alrutz |
| Sargeant of Police |Robin Lerpinere |
| Mabel |Catherine Kinsman |
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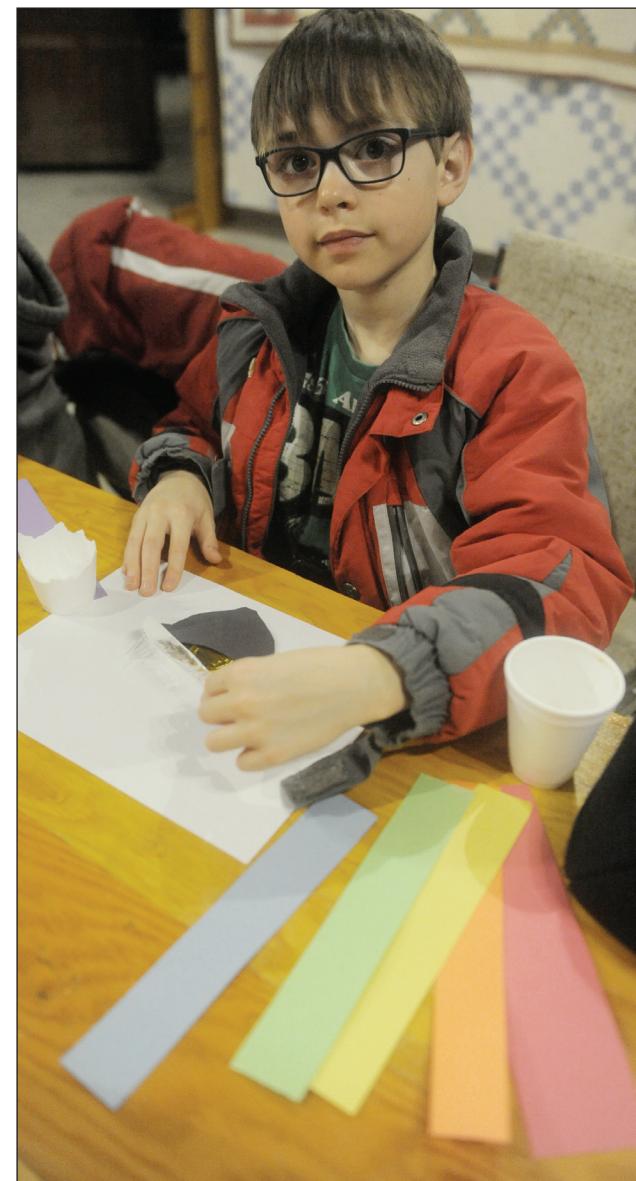
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Policemen

Tom Bain, Peter Britain, Alan Cooper, Ralph Johnson, John MacBrien



A sweet March Break

Above, Eight-year-old Lynden Fedak from Toronto puts together a rainbow with a pot of gold in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Kids of all ages flocked to the museum from as far away as Vaughan and Innisfil on March 17 for the start of March Break festivities, which included crafts, games and maple sap boiling. Maple syrup demos took place all week long, with tapping, boiling, tasting and more. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Left, 10-year-old Emily Mitchell, centre, goes on a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt at the Haliburton Highlands Museum in search of a pot of gold.

Eight-year-old Emmerson Cockburn puts together a rainbow with a pot of gold in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

'Colin and Justin's Cabin Pressure' now on Cottage Life

COLIN McALLISTER and JUSTIN RYAN

Cabin Pressure

Is it really a whole year since *Colin and Justin's Cabin Pressure*, Season One, aired on the Cottage Life television network? Yup, 12 months have passed and, in that time, we've turned our attentions from Muskoka (location, for Season One) to Haliburton where we recently bought another slanty shanty – one that was almost falling down thanks to collapsed piers, major rot and serious animal infestation. But little fazes us: we, after all, can fix anything. Even if it means shedding desperate tears and

dealing with construction issues that we'd rather leave to Bryan. Geddit? "Leave It To Bryan"? Oh never mind...

But worry not: we turned adversity into joy. Our 800 feet collapsing marvel is positioned on beautiful Drag Lake, and, courtesy of its southwest elevation – and good bones – it had potential written all over it. Let's just say, though, that our reparative budget doubled... but so too did our final vision. In just four short months, we went from "pig in lipstick" to beauty queen and we couldn't be happier with the transformation. In exterior terms, it's a veritable vision of Scandinavian minimalism: all graphite grey siding and jet-black roof. And inside? We composed a "luxe lodge" esthetic with serious mid mod overtones. Don Draper eat your heart out. What better place than the cottage to imbibe an old fashioned cocktail?

As our transformative journey protracted, we added a whole new roof, an entire basement (did we mention we jacked the 30 ton house 20 feet off the ground? You have to see that scene to believe it) a new kitchen, two new bathrooms and two new bedrooms. And, while we were at it, we added a cute four-bunk bedded bunkie and a whole new elevation to accommodate a sunroom. Jeesh...

It's been a massive project but we couldn't be happier. Last time round, we bought with friends, but this time round we invested alone. It's so lovely. And we're so happy. But, by God, the epic transformation nearly killed us. See all the Season 2 action weekly, at 9 p.m. on Cottage Life. The network is in free preview.

For more info visit www.cabinpressure.tv

Colin and Justin are appearing live at The Cottage Life Show on Saturday, March 28 at 1 p.m.

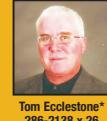
Spring SAVINGS SPREE

Coupons are back

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- Hydro - In Town Haliburton
- Prestigious Neighbourhood
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Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

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- Sand To Deep Water, Sun Rise and Sets, Level
- Lg Dock, Garage, Guest Cabin, Fire Pit
- 3 Bdrm, Wood Fireplace, Pine Interior
- View!! Privacy, Near Ammenties, WiFi

Gloria Carnochan 754-1932

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NEW LISTING

- 100 Feet Water Frontage on 0.81 acres
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- Beautiful Home or Cottage
- 2000 sq.ft. 3 bedroom and 2 bathrooms
- New main floor family room
- Close access to Lake
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Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Recently renovated in downtown Minden! \$139,900

- 1,020 sq ft, 2 bdrms, perfect starter or retirement home
- Updates incl new flooring & an updated kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances
- Located on a municipal rd, laundry on 1st floor & uses in town services; very low maintenance

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

2-LAKE CHAIN \$269,900

- Starter cottage on Long & Miskwabi Lakes
- Miles of boating and a gorgeous sand beach
- New roof and an updated bathroom
- Year round road access and just 20 minutes to Haliburton

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

Minden Home \$147,900

NEW PRICE

- 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home
- Nice level lot and single garage
- Spotless and clean freshly painted
- New carpet and linoleum, close to school

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

South of Minden \$117,900

- Well maintained home in quiet community
- Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen
- 3 bdrms, laundry room, woodstove, office
- Loads of space, private yard

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Little Redstone Lake Chalet \$950,000

- Spectacular custom built Timber-Frame w/450 ft of frontage
- Open concept interior, Great Room w/Tulikivi Fireplace with W/O
- Gourmet Kitchen, Cathedral Ceilings, Master Bdrm/Ensuite, Upper Loft
- Finished Lower Level/large entertainment room, Bedrooms & 4 pc Bath

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Spectacular Soyers Lake \$1,800,000

- Sun all day, huge lake view, gorgeous sand beach, incredible sunsets
- Executive cottage with 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, gourmet kitchen, 2 fireplaces
- Separate guest suite, finished lower level, rec room, wet bar, office
- Attached triple car garage as well as detached 30 x 40 workshop

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Home Sweet Home \$305,000

- Gorgeous country setting yet in town home
- 4 BRs and 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry
- Main floor family room, lower level rec rm
- 2 car garage, beautiful lot and super yard

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

Little Boshkung Lake \$529,000

- SW Exposure, Level Lot, 3 Lake Chain
- Exceptional 5 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Home
- Full Finished Walk-out Basement
- Over 2700 sq. ft. Living Space
- Boat to Resort Dining or Marina, or go fishing

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Hobby Farm \$364,900

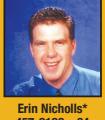
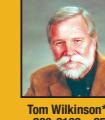
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- Beautiful 3+ bedroom home
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Doggie daycare and more offered at Killara Station

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

It's hard not to see the love that Susan MacDonald has for canines.

Spend more than five minutes with her and you witness adoration and affection for four-legged friends pour out of her.

Born and raised in Haliburton, MacDonald has always been interested in dogs, starting at a very young age.

"My experience with pets is all my life because my mom used to breed poodles," she said. "I started grooming dogs when I was 11."

Thirty-seven years later MacDonald's experience has expanded to include pet training, being a pet shop owner, designing pet toys, dog breeding and vet assistance.

Now the resident of Lochlin has started a multi-faceted dog business called Paws at Killara Station.

The latter part refers to her property off of County Road 1, which includes more than 200 acres of paradise for any animal.

A former resident of Australia, MacDonald chose the name Killara because it is an Aboriginal term for permanent, which is how she feels about her home in the Highlands.

"Killara was the suburb we lived in Australia," she said. "Station can mean central meeting place ... it can mean lots of things ... so permanent meeting place."

In the past year MacDonald decided to turn her beloved property into a business that offers dog training, daycare, workshops, off-leash dog walking and boarding.

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Our motto is to educate, accommodate and facilitate responsible pet ownership.

— Susan MacDonald

Many of these services go beyond just caring for a dog, as MacDonald offers socialization lessons, transporting to groomers and vets and more.

"So Paws at Killara Station's motto is to educate, accommodate and facilitate responsible pet ownership," said MacDonald.

Outside of her business, MacDonald is working on changing dog bylaws throughout the county, as each of the four municipalities currently has its own rules and regulations when it comes to dog ownership.

"I'd like to make them all the same," she said. "And that we have one central location for pet pick-up ... at the moment if somebody finds a dog there's nowhere for them to take it. They take it to the Feed Co., and they're doing a great job, but there's nothing in place to actually find the proper owners or to find a home."

MacDonald would ideally like to see a website dedicated to finding the owners to lost pets, mandatory micro-chipping for animals and lifetime registration.



Susan MacDonald, left, takes a pack of dogs out for some exercise, socialization and fresh air with dog owner Jessie Pflug at her property, Killara Station, located in Lochlin on March 19. Owner of Paws at Killara Station, MacDonald runs many dog services and boarding on her property, which is over 200 acres in size. Pflug's four-month-old German Sheppard, Sasha, centre, was learning how to get along with other dogs. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Funds from the lifetime registration can go towards sustaining a lost dog drop-off centre or an off-leash dog park.

A park would provide many benefits, including better dog socialization and training.

MacDonald offers off-leash walking at her own property, as well as secure, fenced in areas for the dogs.

"That keeps them all safe," she said. During the summer months she sets up multiple swimming pools for the dogs to enjoy.

"I've got some dogs that come three or four times a week."

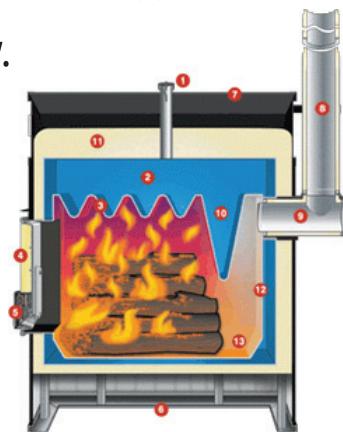
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Chuckwagon Hoedown

Attendees saddle up to the buffet at the Haliburton Lions Club's Chuckwagon Hoedown on March 21. Gord Kidd busted out some country tunes for the occasion. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Buckeroos at the Haliburton Lions Club's Chuckwagon Hoedown proceed to party with their red solo cups.



Lion David Mills donned his best country duds for the club's Chuckwagon Hoedown fundraiser at the Haliburton Legion on March 21.

Events

 Highlands Little Theatre presents
Pirates of Penzance
 2015 by Gilbert & Sullivan
 Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
APRIL 16, 17, 18, AT 7:30 PM & APRIL 19, MATINEE AT 2:00 PM

Tickets available at:
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RED MOON ROAD

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 Cassidy Glecoff



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 Kris Kadwell
 CANOE FM Radio Host

Saturday March 28, 2015
 Minden United Church
 7:30pm ~ Doors open at 7:00pm

Ticket: \$25/\$20 Members and Students
 Available at: Halco Electronics in Haliburton ~ Organic Times in Minden
www.MadeInHaliburton.ca

RED MOON ROAD

Sadness and celebration in West Guilford

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

The community was sad to learn of the death of Nancy Geddis of Pine Lake Road here in Guilford. Nancy's husband Bill had died several years ago and Nancy passed away on Sunday, March 15. Sympathy is extended to the family suffering

this bereavement.

Another notice re the Good Friday brunch for local residents served at the Community Centre: Don Wood of the Gospel Chapel congregation will speak following the meal to which all are most welcome at 10 a.m. on April 3.

A large and very happy gathering on Saturday afternoon and evening rejoiced at the Community Centre as Karl Upton's 70th birthday was celebrated. A look into the kitchen promised wonderful delicious courses for supper after the hours of visiting and music were over. On the stand were Carm Peters and his daughter, Cathy, Bob Long, Charlie Hadley, Neil

Howe and a fine fiddler whose name I couldn't find out. On vocals were Jeff Barry and the famous Johnny Burk. Excellent entertainment! The pile of cards grew as the crowd grew. A picture was displayed showing Karl at a very young age, and small, holding a guitar and a cake in the shape of a guitar was also on the table at the entrance. Lots of fine touches to let Karl know that he's loved and appreciated. Congratulations, Karl!

Euchre on March 17

High scores - Kathee Freeman and Ivan Kernoahan.

Low - Kathleen Owens and Ruth Fletcher.

Most Lone Hands - Myra Marshall and Bert Craig

Kathee Freemont and Myra Marshall each got five lone hands. Many people wore something green, and Myra's cake was decorated with green designs to honour the day.

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Events

St. Anthony of Padua Mission
27 Victoria Street
Haliburton



Our Lady of Mercy Church
196 Bridge Street West
Bancroft

HOLY WEEK 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29 (Blessing of Palms and Procession)
Haliburton - 4:30 pm March 29
Bancroft - 9:00 am

Tuesday of Holy Week

Cathedral of Saint Columbkille, Pembroke
Chrism Mass 10:30 am

Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday

(Evening Mass of
the Lord's Supper)
April 2 - Haliburton and
Bancroft - 7:00 pm

Good Friday

(Universal day of fasting
and abstinence)
Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
April 3 - Haliburton and
Bancroft - 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday

First Mass of Easter -
Easter Vigil
April 4 Haliburton - 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord
Mass of Easter Day
April 5 - Bancroft - 9:00 am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Holy Thursday
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
Good Friday - Following the
3:00 pm Liturgy

A warm welcome awaits!

Ball Hockey Registration

Registration will be held on March 26 and April 7 from 5-7 pm at A.J. LaRue Arena

Tyke/Novice (Ages 4 to 5 and 6 to 8) 6:15 - 7:00 pm

Atom/Peewee (Ages 9 to 12) 7:15 - 8:00 pm

Bantam/Midget (Ages 13 to 18) 8:15 - 9:00 pm

Wednesdays, April 29-June 17, 2015 and Friday, June 5, 2015

Cost is \$75 for 8 weeks — discounts will be offered to families registering 2 or more children.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP COACH TEAMS AND REFEREE GAMES

CSA approved hockey helmet with cage, running shoes, shin guards and hockey gloves are mandatory. If you are unable to come to the registration, you can register in person or print and scan a form on-line

Deadline to register is April 24th!

For further
information contact:
Andrea Mueller at
(705) 457-1740 #35
amueller@dysartetal.ca



Haliburton Soccer Club REGISTRATION

Wednesday and Thursday, April 8th and 9th, 2015

from 6 to 7 p.m. at the HHSS gym foyer

**Early bird savings - youth league \$25, adult league
\$25.**

Fees double after May 31st*.

Forms will be available at registration and can also be downloaded from halsoccer.org (it will save you time if you bring them already completed to registration).

Forms can also be mailed to: HSC, Box 75, Haliburton, K0M 1S0

**Volunteers needed for youth coaches, youth assistants,
general league organization and adult captains.**

All volunteers receive one free registration - if you can help, please let us know!

*Financial assistance available - please speak to a soccer club volunteer at registration night.



Concert band to play free community concert

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

The Highlands Concert Band will be presenting a concert at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre this coming Friday, March 27 between 2 and 3 p.m. This concert has been organized primarily for the students at the school here to experience a live concert with musicians playing a variety of instruments. Members of the public are also invited to attend. Around the village there are interesting posters made by the students advertising and welcoming others to join them for this concert. Do plan to experience a good musical afternoon.

We are not sure how well the maple sap has been running so far this season. There certainly will be maple syrup enjoyed in this area on the next two Saturdays.

This Saturday, March 28 at the Highland Grove Community Centre a breakfast that includes pancakes and maple

syrup will top a meal of eggs and sausages, breakfast will be served up until noon. All that for only \$8 for those over 12 years of age. Kids six to 12 eat for \$4. Those under six eat free.

The next week on Easter Saturday the annual Maple Fest pancake meal can be enjoyed at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 am to 2 p.m. There will be Riley's syrup for the "all-you-can-eat" pancakes and sausages feast. There will be some craft tables for shopping and hopefully the Easter Bunny will hop by. Do look for the Heritage Guild table where this year's quilt raffle will be kicked off. Love that Lone Star quilt with matching cushion plus a second prize lap quilt. Palm Sunday services at area churches include one at St. Margaret's Church next Sunday, March 29 at 11:15 a.m. Do come and wave a palm branch. What a fine show of skating was enjoyed by a super crowd of spectators at the Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club's carnival last Saturday evening at the arena here in the village. The youngsters presented themselves very well in a program entitled Storytime.

Well chosen music and some delightful costumes seemed to give the young performers extra confidence in presenting their routines. And move well they did to

lively music such as *Bare Necessities*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *the Hanging Tree* and the *Cat In The Hat*.

There were group numbers such as Dragon Battle with skaters in striking black costumes and Monster High in lots of red outfits having fun and entertaining well. The skating skills of the younger groups in *The Little Dressmakers*, *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Two Things* were evident as they entertained their enthusiastic fans.

Several duets as well as two solos, some planned by the skaters, were very pleasing and well performed as well. Loved the *Cat in the Hat*.

The audience greatly enjoyed solos by three talented young guest skaters from the Minden Figure Skating Club.

Congratulations to the skaters, their

leaders, coach and supporters of this skating club. The number of skaters with the club has grown well this year.

Leaders and skaters have greatly appreciated the work of coach Guy Gordon for travelling here and teaching each week. The generous support of individuals, groups, businesses, arena staff and the Municipality of Highlands East is appreciated and should be applauded.

A good season of fun and exercise in creative activity on ice has been enjoyed by these young skaters. Their skating skills and confidence in themselves have grown. It is no small feat to skate out on that large ice surface alone or with a few others and perform in time with music before family, friends and strangers!

Well done skaters – you are indeed champions.



Wilberforce Skating Carnival

These ghouls danced to Monster High. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



County of Haliburton

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

The County of Haliburton will be accepting tender submissions to provide the following materials and/or services:

2015-07 SUPPLY OF DIESEL FUEL AND FURNACE OIL

To be received no later than April 7 2015 @ 2:00 p.m.

Tenders are to be submitted on tender forms provided by the County.

For further information or to obtain forms, please contact:

Pam Weiss, Administrative Assistant
County of Haliburton, Public Works Dept.
13 St. Germaine Street, P.O. Box 399
Minden, ON, K0M 2K0
Tel: 705-286-1762 x 225 Fax: 705-286-4881
E-mail: pweiss@county.haliburton.on.ca

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT NO. 2015-32

COUNTY ROAD No.7 (KENNISIS LAKE ROAD)

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS OF COLEMAN LAKE ROAD

SCOPE OF WORK:

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- The drilling, blasting and removal of rock,
- The clearing of trees/brush,
- The reshaping of ditch line,
- Approximate Quantities: Rock Removal 1,800 cu.m
Clearing of Trees 1,935 sq.m
Reshaping of ditch line 170 m

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 13 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario

Until:
11:00 a.m. Local Time on April 1, 2015

FOR TENDER FORMS, Please Contact:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- DATE: Wednesday, April 8th, 2015
- TIME: 11:00 am.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2015-005 – 1802367 Ontario Inc.
 - Purpose and Effect: to reduce the parking space requirement of a medium density dwelling on a lot located in the R3-12 zone:
 - a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.4.15.12 to permit a lot in the R3-12 zone to have a minimum parking space requirement of 1.37 spaces per dwelling unit, as opposed to the minimum required 1.45 spaces per dwelling unit (as per minor variance D13-MV-2014-006).
 - Location: Part Lot 16, Concession 8, Lot 1 & Part Lot 2, Bock F, Plan 1, Town Plot of Haliburton, in the geographic Township of Dysart (Lake Avenue).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer,
Committee of Adjustment



Brody Bolger played the Cat in the Hat at the Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club's annual skating carnival on March 21. This year's theme was Storytime.



The Storytime theme brought out all kinds of creatures at the Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club's annual carnival at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena on March 21.



Guest skater Denise Sherbakov, from the Minden club.

Notice

 **COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON COUNCIL

The County of Haliburton Official Plan 5 Year Review

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a Special Public Meeting pursuant to Section 26 (3)(b) of the Planning Act, RSO, 1990, c.P.13 (as amended) as follows:

Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 1 pm

County Council Chambers, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING is to provide the public with an opportunity to identify and discuss revisions that may be required to update the current County of Haliburton Official Plan. County Council will consider any written submissions on the Official Plan Review and provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the process.

AN OFFICIAL PLAN is a policy document which guides the development and growth of our communities and County. It provides land use direction regarding residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, parkland, utilities, infrastructure and many other land use components. The goals and objectives set out in the Official Plan work to balance the interests of each individual property owner and each community with those of the municipalities and the County.

THE MEETING will include a brief presentation by the Director of Planning. The presentation will outline the new provincial policy environment, proposed updates to the Official Plan and outline the review process.

Other public meetings and open houses will be scheduled over the coming months as part of the formal amendment process to update the Official Plan. Notice of future meetings will be posted on the County website, tweeted and will be published in the local newspapers.

IF A PERSON or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION may be obtained by visiting the County of Haliburton Administrative Offices, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario or by contacting the County of Haliburton Director of Planning, Charlsey White, MCIP, RPP, (705) 286-1333 or cwhite@county.haliburton.on.ca or by visiting the County Website www.haliburtoncounty.ca. If you wish to speak at the meeting please contact the Director of Planning.

Charlsey White, MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning

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Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation

Vacancy on Board of Directors

The Board of the Corporation invites interested persons to apply to serve on the Board. The Board is seeking members to fill one vacancy for the balance of 2015 (with a possible 2nd four year term ending in 2019).

Eligible applicants must be a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes or the County of Haliburton and be at least 18 years of age.

Experience in serving on the board of a non-profit agency is preferred.

Applications may be obtained from the office of the Corporation at the address below, or from Haliburton County at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario.

Applications are to be submitted by March 27th, 2015.

Applicants are asked to submit their applications and any supporting information such as a resume to:

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322 Kent Street West, P.O. Box 2600
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Applicants selected for an interview may be requested to provide references and a police check.

Minor hockey

Peewees' series going to Game 5

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A Team travelled to Ingersoll this past weekend tied one game apiece in the all-Ontario championship final playdown series. Our team seemed composed and ready to roll for Game 3 of the series and did not disappoint. Even with a rink jam-packed with Ingersoll fans our Peewees came out flying and full of confidence. Our players controlled most of the first period and out shot the Express but with some strong Ingersoll goaltending the score remained 0-0 after one period. The second was a different story as the Storm kept the momentum going their way with superb two-way play from Tyson Clements and Braeden Robinson. Joe Boice would put a second period goal in at the net, on assists from Nigel Smith and Zach Morissette. Storm kept up the pressure in the second and captured a powerplay. With solid puck movement Issac Little put himself in position for a pass from Ryan Hall and put our second goal away in the match. At the end of the second, Storm went into the break with a 2-0 lead.

The third period began with a different tone as Ingersoll pressed more scoring on a power play to make it 2-1. Again with momentum going the Express way and yet another penalty to Storm the Express tied the game with six minutes left. Like so many games this season our Peewees rallied late in the game on strong back end leadership and offence. Captain Ryan Hall with vision of the ice at a minute left saw an opening and moved through the Express team from his own blue line. Hall made his way to the net and with an inside out move to his back hand and put the puck top corner!

Ingersoll with little time pulled their goalie for the extra player but again our blue line held firm and on a seeing eye shot, Alex Little from his own end put the game away into the empty net. Storm went into the evening joyfully up two games to one but knowing Ingersoll would be pushing back hard Sunday morning. With a bright and early start at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning in Ingersoll for Game 4 of the series, our Peewee players seemed confident. The start of the game as predicted saw the Express come out flying to fight for the championship. The Storm pushed back with strong play on the boards from Cole Prentice and Aaron Bellefleur. The Express began to out shoot our Storm and brought on their offence but Ethan Glecoff showed his impressive rookie form and played excellent in net. However, as the Storm were called on back to back penalties the strong Express powerplay went to work. Express player Brennan Rupert would notch two powerplay goals and the Express would add one more to go ahead 3-0 at the

end of the second period. Our Storm team entered the third period frustrated but determined to claw their way back into the game. Issac Little started it off for us with passing from Alex Little and Paul Turner. Soon after the Express would respond with a shooting goal to make it 4-1. Our team did not give up at any point and Joe Boice responded with a goal on passes from Ryan Hall and Benn MacNaull. With momentum our way and time left the Storm again were sent to the box and put on the penalty kill. With the penalty killed and too little time left the score remained at a 4-2 final for Ingersoll. The series

will now go to a final Peewee OMHA all-Ontario Championship deciding Game 5 on Saturday, March 28 at the Minden Arena for a 5 p.m. start time. Calling on all Haliburton County hockey fans to come on out and cheer on your Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee team vs the Ingersoll Express. Go Storm go!

Submitted by Jason Morissette, head coach

Midget girls advance to league finals (and provincials)

The Minden Car Quest Auto Highland Storm Midget B Girls were counting on the strategic planning of coaches Jason Billings and Steve McLean last Saturday in Game 2 of their final league series against the Peterborough Ice Kats. Winning the series would advance the Storm to the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League Midget B Championship held in Oshawa on March 27 and 28. The Storm squad was shortstaffed during this March Break tilt and went into the game without their regular goalie, a winger and a defensive player. Cassidy Garbutt suited up between the pipes and Alicia McLean and Sydney Feir helped out on the blue-line to support the defensive corps. It took Peterborough well into the second period before they could put one past Garbutt, who played unbelievably, making saves that would have been real game changers. Kelsey Maracle quickly tied the game at 1-1 with a beauty deke and then the Storm put together a total team effort and held off the Ice Kats for the remainder of the game, leaving them one point away (Storm = three points/Ice Kats = one point) from a spot in league championship weekend.

On Sunday, March 22, the Storm hosted the Ice Kats in Game 3 of the four-point series in Minden for what could possibly be the last Storm girls' hockey game. The winner qualifying for the league championship weekend as the LLFHL Eastern Loop representative. The Storm needed a win or a tie to take the series – or go to sudden death overtime (and possible shoot-out) in the event of a loss to declare an outright winner. After a scoreless first period, Peterborough jumped out to a 2-0 second period lead. The

Storm regained momentum midway through the third period with a powerplay marker by Erin Little to draw close at 2-1. The Ice Kats continued their undisciplined play allowing the Storm to score another power-play goal by Kelsey Maracle with under three minutes to play. With Peterborough needing to win the game and tie the series at three points, they pulled their goalie to try and find the game-wining/series tying goal. The Storm kept their focus and stopped all Ice

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Storm heading to Oshawa

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Kat pressure to secure the tie and win the four-point series 4-2. The Storm now advances to the LLFHL league championship weekend as the eastern loop representative, travelling to Oshawa to vie for the overall league champion against other loop winners - Caledon Coyotes, Flamborough Falcons and Mount Forest Rams. Great season (to date) Storm girls! Good luck at league

championship this weekend, as well as the all-Ontario provincial championship weekend in April the weekend after Easter. Your focus, determined efforts and total team play has proven your success and outstanding overall season record of 32-1-5. Congrats, girls and good luck at both championship weekends - you are all stars.

Submitted by Dan Marsden



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Storm Bantam A 2014-15 OMHA Finalists

Game 3 of the finals was played in Ingersoll last Saturday and was a do-or-die game for the Bantams. It was a 1-0 nail biter loss for the Storm that ended the finals, the series and the year. Due to injuries, the team was missing two key players: Flood an assistant captain and Cooper, the captain. Both teams came out strong and entertained the full arena, ending the first period scoreless. Seconds after a powerplay, Ingersoll scored the only goal of the game, during the second. The battle continued in the third. The frustration grew, resulting in penalties that hindered the Storm's ability to score. All players worked hard and should be very proud of their efforts in the game and during the year. It was a well played game that

the Storm loss with dignity. Congratulations to the Highland Storm Bantam A team! Special thanks to the bench staff: James Reilly - head coach; Travis Walker - assistant coach; Tom Prentice - trainer; Greg Turner - assistant trainer; Kirk Cooper - manager. A big thank you to the families of players for all their time and support. An extra huge thanks to the players; their determination and will to win, along with the encouragement of the coaching staff, helped bring the Bantam team to the Ontario finals.

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Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Robertson Memorial Curling Bonspiel

Haliburton Curling Club hosted the 38th annual Jack Robertson Memorial Curling Bonspiel on March 4. A great day of skill and good humour was on display. Sixty-four players competing for the annual trophy. Bonspiel chairman Art Dawson was pleased to have Jack's daughter Jacqueline Metcalf present the trophy to skip Dave Millington, Doug Hall, Wes Lytle and Dave Parkes from the Minden Curling Club. The teams skipped by Ed Picard and Andy Gruppe gave them a run for the hardware. Curling is fun for all ages. Everyone is invited to visit curling rink and see what this fun sport is all about. A big thank you to our sponsors Pinestone Resort, Travelers Canada, Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd, Sir Sam's Ski Area, Camp Wanakita YMCA, Wayne Hussey, Haliburton Foodland and Dawson Insurance Brokers Ltd. Submitted by Arthur Dawson



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- Ability to work within YWCA Vision and Mission, Values and Policies/Procedures and legislative requirements
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Private Family Gathering

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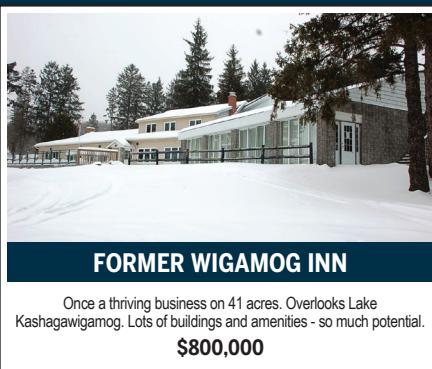
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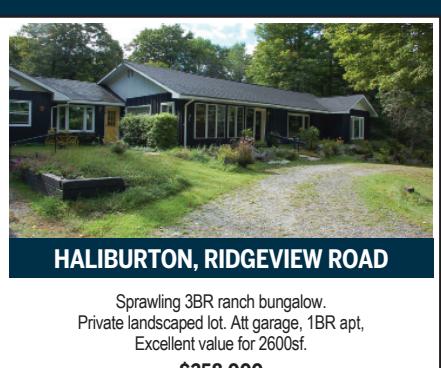
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NEW LISTING GREEN LAKE

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WEST GUILFORD HOME

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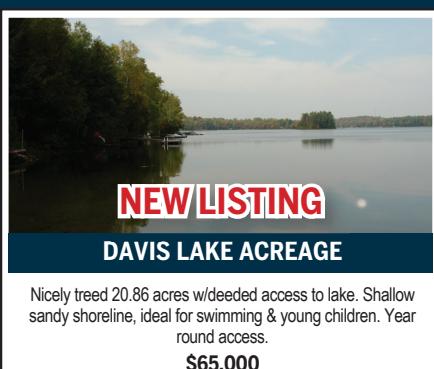
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